the steps Government have taken in this regard; and

the alternative mechanism available with the States for addressing women related issues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) Setting up of Women Commissions at the State level falls within the purview of the concerned State Government. As per the information furnished by the National Commission for Women (NCW), the following States have not set up the State Commission for Women:—

(l)Jharkhand

Manipur

Nagaland

The Government of India has been requesting the State Governments from time to time to set up State Women Commissions. In addition, the National Commission for Women also takes up the matter with the concerned State Governments for setting up the State Commissions.

The alternative mechanisms available with the States of Jharkhand, Manipur and Nagaland are as follows:-

Jharkhand: The State has established Jharkhand Women Development Society and Jharkhand State Social Advisory Board in the year 2001 and 2004 respectively. These two institutions alongwith other concerned Government Departments, Boards and Committees look after the problems of women in Jharkhand.

Manipur: Government of Manipur has stated that it has approved setting up of a Women Commission.

Nagaland: The State Government has a separate Department for dealing with Social Welfare and Women Development. A State Social Welfare Board has also been constituted. Besides, customary courts have been set up in the State for dealing with family matters.

Model Anganwadi building

1268. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal from the Government of Karnataka for

sanction of funds for construction of model Anganwadi building pending with the Central Government; and

(b) if so, the status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) Government of India has sanctioned, in the year 2003, construction of 650 Model Anganwadi Centre Buildings to the State of Karnataka with Rs. 6.09 crore as Government of India contribution. A sum of Rs. 5.00 crore has already been released to the State Government. The State Government has requested for release of the balance amount of Rs. 1.09 crore which would be considered after additional funds become available under the relevant budget head.

Setting up BCRA Bill

1269. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state by when the Bill relating to setting up Broadcasting Content Regulatory Authority is likely to be brought up before the Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): Government is contemplating setting up of Broadcasting Content Regulatory Authority. The details are being worked out. As such, no time-frame can be indicated.

Levy carrier charges from private channels under DTH

1270. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

whether Prasar Bharati proposes to levy carrier charges on private channels beamed under its DTH bouquet;

whether Prasar Bharati has earlier proposed carriage fee of Rs. 75.00 lakhs from the private channels during the launch of the DTH service and later waived off the same due to resistance from the private channels; and

whether Prasar Bharati anticipates good response from the private channels on the issue of carriage fee, due to increasing number of DTH installations all over the country?